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MARY CARLTON, commonly known by the Name of the *German Princeſs*, being brought from the *Marſhalſey* in *Southwark* to *Juſtice-Hall* in the *Old-Bailey*, in order to her Tryal for ſeveral Crimes and Misdemeanors formerly committed by her, was accordingly Arraign'd at the Bar on *Thurſday* the Sixteenth of this inſtant *January*, and on *Friday* the Seventeenth was

Indicted for ſtealing a piece of Plate from an Inhabitant in *Chancery-Lane*, to which Indictment ſhe pleaded *Not Guilty*; but upon full Evidence was found *Guilty*, and ſo to avoid the Sentence of Condemnation, pleaded *her Belly*. Whereupon a Jury of Women was Impannell'd, and after long and ſerious Conſultation and Debate they brought her in *Not quick with Child*; ſo that ſhe was ſentenced to Dye (according to Law in ſuch Caſes provided) on *Wedneſday* following, which was the Two and Twentieth inſtant, and accordingly went Carted to *Tyburn* in order to her Execution.

As to her deportment in Priſon the ſaid day of her deſigned Execution, ſhe was found in a far more quiet and calm poſture than the night before, and better fitted for Death, according to all humane conjecture; heartily deſiring her expected and deſerved diſſolution. And herein to be juſt to her, ſhe did ſhew the abſolute ſymptoms of a true Penitent; for her Ejaculations were as pious and pathetical, as her former Life had been enormous and criminal. She did voluntarily upon her own account, without any inſtigation from a ſecond perſon, confeſs the hainouſneſs of her Sins; though withall ſhe deſired that the Spectators and Auditors would be ſo much friends to Juſtice, as not to give credit to all vain Rumors that were reported of her. A Pardon ſhe did declare, neither to expect, nor deſire: Death ſhe had deſerv'd, and was very willing

willing to undergo that hard and heavy task; and withall that she was fully satisfied in all particulars, and fit to taste of that bitter Cup. When she heard the Bell at St. *Sepulchres* Toll, she us'd this Expression: *This is my Passing-Bell, Lord Jesus I am coming to thee. There is no person knows what it is to be under the terrours of the Almighty, but those that have felt them. O my Saviour! I am coming. Lord strengthen me; Lord step between me and poor weak Nature. O how doth Nature cling to me, and is unwilling to leave me! It was a trouble to me at first to dye, but now I have overcome it, and am satisfied.*

One thing she her self took notice of, and acquainted the Company withal of her own accord, telling them it deserv'd their Observation, *viz.* This day (being the day of Execution) was the day of my Baptism: I was Born on the 11*th* of *January*, and Baptiz'd on the 22*th*; to which she added this Zealous, passionate and *Christian* like Expression; This day I was Baptiz'd, and before night I expect to be sprinkled with the blood of the Lamb, which is a second Baptism. 'Tis true, (though 'twill hardly be believ'd) that this vitious Woman, guilty of such gross Immoralities, did dye well satisfied and unconcern'd, with a Resolution and Courage beyond the weakness of her frail Sex. Her Sister, (and another Relation to whom she comitted the care of her decent Burial) were present with her immediately before she went

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to Execution, lamenting her ſad and deplorable condition; ſhe deſir'd them to be ſatisfied as ſhe was, and not to mourn and ſhed tears; for that did but exaſperate her grief, and increaſe her trouble. As to her Religion, ſhe did declare before her departure that ſhe was, and would dye a *Roman Catholick*, as ſhe did undoubtedly. And thus ſhe was committed to the Cart; and when ſhe came to *Tyburn*, after ſhe had devoutly pray'd with a chearful and unalter'd Countenance, ſhe deſir'd to know whether ſhe might ſpeak to the People. To which a Perſon there preſent reply'd, Your voice is low and will not be heard by the multitude here preſent, but if you will acquaint me with your deſire, I will diſcourſe it to them afterwards. Then ſhe began a ſhort Speech in theſe words following.

YOu will make me a Preſident for ſin. I confeſs I have been a vain Woman; I have had in the World Glory and Miſery in abundance; and let all People beware of ill Company. The World hath condemn'd me, and I have much to anſwer; pray God forgive me, and my Husband likewiſe. I beſeech God lay nothing to his charge for my fault.

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Thereupon a Perſon that was there preſent askt her this queſtion. Have you any thing to your Husband? To which ſhe modeſtly reply'd; *Only my Recommendations; that he would ſerve God and repent; for I fear he wants ſober admonition; and I beſeech God lay nothing to his charge on my account. And what wrong I have done him, I hope he will forgive me, I forgive him.* To which one made anſwer, then ſo in perfect Charity you dye with all the World? And ſhe replyed very ſeriouſly, *Yes, I do*; and ſo with many devout Ejaculations, ſuch as, *Lord Jeſus receive my ſoul! Lord have mercy upon me!* frequently reiterated and repeated, ſhe departed this life.

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